

New Oil Field Operations Are Reported

Oil field operations, as reported by the Division of Oil and Gas of the State Department of Natural Resources, today revealed that 24 notices to drill new wells were filed during the week ending Dec. 29. Total new wells are listed at 2132, as compared with 2279 a year ago.

Of the notices to drill new wells, 2 were for wells in the Torrance field, 1 each in the Huntington Beach, Newhall-Polero, and Wilmington fields, 2 in Ventura, 1 each in Capitan field and Piru field, 2 each in Ant Hill field, Edison field, Kern Fract field, and Mt. Soosfield, 1 each in Devils Den field, McKittrick field and South Belridge field, 2 in Kern county, 1 in Rio Vista gas field, and 1 in Yolo county.

VFW Members Prepare For Convention

Officers and members of every Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Los Angeles county have been invited to attend a special Fourth District meeting in Long Beach on Jan. 27, Department Commander Richard H. Newhall announced here today.

Alvin F. Kime, 521 Sycamore pl., Inglewood, Fourth District Commander, will preside at the meeting to be held in the Veterans Memorial Building, Cedar and Broadway. Kime said the purpose of the meeting is to launch plans for the State convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which will be held at Long Beach June 23 to June 26.

VFW officials scheduled to attend the Jan. 27 meeting include Commanders Leslie E. Lahr, Lomita Post and C. Earl Conner, Torrance Post.

Joe M. Borges Enlists In Regular Army

Private First Class Joe M. Borges, son of Mrs. Mary Borges, 20430 N. Lawrence st., Torrance, has enlisted in the Regular Army for 18 months, effective Nov. 23, 1945, while serving with the 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd "Rainbow" Division at Hofgastein, Austria. His organization is a unit of General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria.

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BUSIEST OFFICE IN TOWN... The United States Employment Service office at Cravens ave. and Gramercy ave. is proving to be the busiest office in Torrance, due to the many calls made upon the Federal and State Government at the headquarters

Thousands Of Workers Cleared By USES, 'Busiest Place In Torrance'

The "busiest place in Torrance," since V-J Day, has been the lot of the new U.S.E.S. office at 1628 Cravens ave., Torrance.

"Not that we weren't busy during the war years," K. E. Bradley, manager, hastened to point out, "but then we were concerned solely with filling essential jobs. Now this office has the multiple responsibility of registering and referring persons for jobs, servicing veterans and employers and administering unemployment compensation."

The year 1944 showed a monthly average of 2400 persons contacting this office; the same activity has now climbed to 13,600. Veterans averaged 208 a month, and in ever increasing numbers they are over 2500 at present.

Applicants for work show the same trend, from a 48 monthly average in 1944 to about 1100 with the cessation of hostilities. In referrals to jobs, job placements and job openings, the statistics indicate an opposite tendency. In July, 1945, 1500 persons were sent to work and 900 hired; in December, 1945, 800 were referred and 230 hired.

Job openings themselves have dropped from a July, 1945, high of 1282 to 330 in December. The difficulties encountered in filling these openings are a result of several factors:

1. Employers are more restrictive as to age, sex and degree of skill.
2. Applicants are reluctant to accept work which they consider to be under their highest skill and established pay scale and without a future.
3. There is a natural letdown during the pressure of the war years.
4. Women are returning to the home and older men resuming retirement.

Local business men are again urged to register their employment needs with the U.S.E.S. office and all persons seeking work to apply for an interview.

Frederick Swain Aboard CSMA Training Ship

Midshipman Frederick Calmar Swain, 2051 255th st., now attending the California State Maritime Academy at Vallejo was aboard the school's training vessel "Golden State" when it departed, Jan. 10, for Mexico and South America on its first training cruise since the end of hostilities.

During the 3 1/2 month voyage, the ship will stop at Acapulco, Mexico; Balboa, Panama Canal Zone; Callao, Peru; and Valparaiso, Chile.

The California Maritime Academy prepares youths between 17 and 23 years of age for careers as officers in the U. S. Merchant Marine.

Opportunity For Military Service For Radio Men

Ham operators and radio technicians, here's a chance to put your hobby to military service on a part time basis.

Fully equipped with the latest Walkie-Talkie sets and fixed transmitters, the Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, is organizing its communications platoon.

A commission is awaiting a licensed operator who can qualify, and non-commissioned stripes will be placed on operators or technicians who enlist in the communications platoon.

In addition, a bid for National Guard service, with usual pay, will be open to the men who enlist, according to Capt. R. L. Lewellen, plans and training officer of the battalion, and commanding officer of Co. H, Torrance.

The SCR-511 Walkie Talkie, designed for the Army in 1943, is the new equipment for State Guard and National Guard use. It is a long range set, and the State Guard beam is 3225 KC. Fixed station transmitters are located in the armories in Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Sacramento.

The communications platoon will work from time to time in maneuvers in the field with infantry troops of the battalion, thus getting valuable training in the use of the equipment on tactical missions, said Capt. Lewellen.

Radio men with Army and Navy experience or those engaged in the commercial or amateur field are invited to see Capt. Lewellen at the armory, Torrance ball park, on Monday or Thursday evenings, he said.

College Planned By Veteran Gunner

S/Sgt. Jack King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom King of 1521 Amapola ave., aerial gunner of the AAF during the South Pacific campaigns, is planning to reenter school after an absence of nearly two years.

King, a graduate of Narbonne high school and letterman in track, is said to be considering Compton Junior College. He is the wearer of two Presidential Unit Citations and 6 battle stars among other awards received in that theater.

Joseph Byrne Appointed To Vets Position

Joseph P. Byrne, a World War II veteran who saw extensive Naval service in the South Pacific, has been appointed State Director of Labor Relations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, California Department. Commander Richard H. Newhall announced here today.

Byrne, a graduate of the University of San Francisco, will, with the assistance of Commander Newhall, undertake an immediate study of job possibilities in California for returning war veterans.

Sterling Gleason Named Regional Press Officer

Appointment of Sterling Gleason, former WPB information chief here, to the post of regional press officer was announced today by Hector C. Haight, Los Angeles regional manager of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

He will be associated with Edgar A. Shoaff, RFC regional advertising manager, in the job of publicizing RFC's enormous offerings of surplus war materials and of war plants no longer needed by the armed forces.

MacDonnell Going To Washington

Pat MacDonnell, president of Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and secretary of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, left for Washington, D. C., today with five other representatives of Southern California in an effort to obtain a \$22,000,000 appropriation for the proposed Whittier Narrows Flood Control Dam. This appropriation was deleted from the 1946 Deficiency Appropriations Bill and they hope to have it restored by the House Appropriations Committee for 1947.

MacDonnell has made extensive study of flood control in Los Angeles County district and is well qualified to represent this district in such an endeavor.

According to H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, a major flood problem exists along the lower reaches of the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers. Watershed totals 554 square miles above Whittier Narrows with four dams on the San Gabriel controlling 43% of the flood peaks; allowing very little regulation of peak flows from the remaining 57% of watershed between Santa Fe Dam and the Pacific Ocean.

Studies made by the U. S. Engineer Department and Los Angeles Flood Control District indicate the overall cost of a dam and regulating reservoir at Whittier Narrows would be much less than other type of structure, said MacDonnell.

Out-of-State Cars Must Be Registered

Registered owners of automobiles, trucks and trailers bearing out-of-state license plates must make immediate application for a California license if they are now employed in this state or have become residents of California.

Satisfactory evidence of ownership is required before an out-of-state motor vehicle can be registered in California. It may take considerable time to procure adequate proof of ownership as registration regulations in the various states, territories and Canadian provinces are not uniform. If the motor vehicle is not paid for in full, written permission from the legal owner to register the vehicle in California must be presented at the time of registration. The motorist with a car bearing an out-of-state registration should immediately ascertain what documents are required in his individual case.

Evangelical Conference In Torrance

Torrance will be host this week to the ministers of the Evangelical Church of the California Conference. Dr. R. H. Mueller, general secretary of Evangelism for the church, will be the principal speaker of the convocation of ministers. The general secretary, whose office is in Cleveland, Ohio, is leading in other similar assemblies throughout the nation.

Opening in Santa Ana on Tuesday, Jan. 15, the first sessions of the conference were held in the First Evangelical church of that city. Completing its sessions on Wednesday, the conference was adjourned to continue its sessions in Torrance today and tomorrow.

Today's session was opened with Rev. Carl Stierle of San Francisco as the presiding chairman. Greetings were then brought to the ministers by Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of the local church. "Intercessory Prayer" was the theme of a devotional message presented by Rev. L. H. Gustafson of Long Beach.

After a period of witnessing and informal discussion, Dr. B. H. Mueller brought the morning address, challenging the ministers and laymen alike to an intensive and intelligent ministry of personal witnessing. Dr. Mueller again addressed the conference in the afternoon sessions.

The conference which is being held at the Central Evangelical Community church will continue through Friday. Open sessions are on Thursday, from 10:00 till 4:00, and Friday morning from 9:30 till 12:00. The church is located on Marcelina ave. at Arlington.

County Traffic Survey Ordered By Supervisors

County manager Wayne R. Allen was ordered by County Supervisors to consult experts as to the causes of traffic accidents and a possible remedy.

The proposal calls for the study of the following points:

- (1) The relative effectiveness of various state or local traffic laws and procedures governing the issuance of driver's licenses, particularly the system employed by the State of Massachusetts.
- (2) The compiling of available data concerning the accident records of drivers in various age categories.
- (3) The accident records of drivers of cars equipped with various safety devices, including speed governors as installed on fleets of cars owned by various corporations, local governments, and other groups.
- (4) The accident records reflected by various highway improvements or the lack of such improvements.
- (5) The most effective safety educational programs employed by public schools, railroads, city, county and state traffic bodies, and private corporations.
- (6) The chief administrative officer, report to the board on the estimated cost of providing emergency hospital facilities on major highways, with the understanding such hospitals are to be available for all types of emergency service.
- (7) An amendment to the California Statute permitting the allocation of gas tax motor vehicle funds for the construction, maintenance and operation of such emergency hospitals on highways, with a provision to set aside a certain percentage of such funds for safety education and installation of safety devices and equipment.

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Inglewood Will Handle Torrance Red Cross Drive

Headquarters for the 1946 American Red Cross Fund Campaign for the Torrance area have been opened at 210 E. Queen st., Inglewood, it has been announced by organization leaders. The phone number is Orchard 7-6566.

Space for the headquarters has been donated by J. A. Daniels of Inglewood. The headquarters office will also serve Inglewood, Lawndale, El Segundo, Torrance and Gardena. Red Cross officials point out that the location also served as headquarters for the campaign in 1944 and 1945.

I. J. Hallanger heads the Torrance geographic drive.

Summary Of 1945 Police Activities Are Revealed



RECEIVES DISCHARGE... Lt. Roy W. Sullivan, Infantry Reserve, received his honorable discharge Jan. 4, following about five years' service and 35 months' Pacific duty. A son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sullivan of 1919 1/2 Gramercy ave., he was united in marriage last August with Miss Betty Malin. The couple have been living at Gaylord Apartments, here.

A general round-up of the Torrance Police department's activities during the past year indicate an upward swing in arrests and citations as compared to the previous year with decreases shown in the more serious category of crime.

Traffic violators were up nearly 100 per cent during the year 1945, police records reveal, which is responsible for the general rise.

Accidents in 1945 were reported below 1944 as were injuries sustained from these accidents. It was pointed out by the department that although the total number of injuries had taken a drop, they were of a more serious nature with death resulting in four of the cases.

Automobiles stolen numbered 50 as compared to 85 recovered. Drunks arrested in the city during the past year totaled 303, a decrease of 33 under the previous year. Disturbing the peace took a broad jump above 1944 with a total of 39 arrests being made.

Burglaries and robberies were also listed down from 1944, as was many other felony crimes. City merchants were said to have been more careless in 1945 than any year previous. A total of 76 doors were found open by Torrance police marking the year as an all time high.

A total of 2,483 arrests were made, with 1,692 calls being handled by an average force of 15 policemen.

Joseph Roebuck Promoted To Staff Sergeancy

Joseph J. Roebuck has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant while serving with the 222nd Infantry Regiment of the famous 42nd (Rainbow) Division in the city of Salzburg, Austria. His wife, Dorothy, and son James, live at 2008 So. Normandy, Torrance.

Sergeant Roebuck is a veteran of frontline duty. He participated in the Rainbow Division's 450-mile drive from the Hardt Mountains of France through the Siegfried Line to the Rhine-land, through Franconia and Bavaria and the major cities of Schweinfurt, Wurzburg, Furth, Dachau, and Munich. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge in recognition of his performance of duty in ground combat, and wears the European Campaign Ribbon bearing two battle stars.

Modern Water Supply Problem Gets Discussion

H. O. Swartout, M.D., Dr.P.H., Los Angeles County Health Officer

When you are thirsty you fill a glass from a water faucet, without fear of being made ill by the water, and probably with no thought of all the care and labor that made the water safe.

The building of some vast structure like Boulder Dam and the construction of the great aqueducts and reservoirs to carry the impounded water across country and keep it in storage always make front page news. However, your local health department is especially concerned with the reservoirs, the treatment procedures, the local mains, and the plumbing fixtures that are a part of the system that makes safe water flow out when you open a water faucet.

Watersheds must be guarded against pollution. Wells must be protected from the entrance of surface water from the outside and from underground drainage from polluted areas. Reservoirs must be protected from pollution, and the growth of algae in them controlled. Treatment plant procedures must be frequently checked to insure that there is no slip in them. Mains sometimes need special treatment to clear them of objectionable mineral residues or vegetable growths. Cross connections in the plumbing in houses, institutions and factories may be a source of danger. All along the line, frequent water samples must be taken and examined in the laboratory to detect the earliest possible sign of danger.

To make that glass of water safe there has been the expenditure of thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars, and the constant care of dozens, perhaps hundreds, of trained and experienced men.

Easing of Lumber Supply Is Predicted

Hopes for an increased supply of building lumber were heightened today after a statement by A. A. Kayser, of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, who said production will reach a normal 170,000,000 board feet a week by Feb. 1.

In a meeting held by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and County Manager Wayne R. Allen, Kayser told 60 building material manufacturers that wartime diversions and lack of labor sent western lumber output to a new low of 32,000,000 feet a week last October.

Night shifts are being installed in most mills, he said, which will bring production levels to normal within a month.

Also announced at the meeting was a telegram sent to President Truman by Nelsa Giull, Los Angeles city housing chairman, urging the reconstruction of a plan which would assign emergency housing based on the 1940 census.

Giull pointed out that the population increase in the last five years has been considerably larger for Los Angeles than for other comparable municipalities.

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Colonel West Is G.P. Aviation Representative

Lt. Col. C. E. West has taken over his duties as aviation representative of the General Petroleum Corp. of California, with headquarters in Vernon. He visited Torrance last week in company with R. I. Plomert Jr., tax counselor of the company, relative to the Torrance army airport and efforts of the city to secure control thereof.

He served during the war with the 8th Air Force, being attached to the Third Strategic Air Depot in England.

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